

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- Automated electronic review and approval of technical standards assists in product development. A draft technical standard is generated and electronically circulated to a review group. Review group comments are automatically attached to the draft technical standard. The draft technical standard is electronically locked before circulation to an approval group. The approval group members have access to comments of the review group members. Electronic approvals are collected from each member of the review group. Once each member of the review group has electronically approved the standard, the standard is rendered unchangeable. The standard is then released for global electronic access to a global database.